Experts' forum

The Experts’ Forum is the Institute’s advisory body. Its principle function is to provide expertise knowledge in the field of gender equality.

It is composed of members from competent bodies specialised in gender equality issues from every Member State of the European Union. Each country has both a member and an alternate and there are two members designated by the European Parliament, as well as three members designated by the European Commission and representing interested parties at the European level, with one representative from:

- an appropriate non-governmental organisation at Community level which has a legitimate interest in contributing to the fight against discrimination on grounds of sex and the promotion of gender equality;
- employers' organisations at Community level; and
- workers’ organisations at Community level.

The Member States and the Commission aim to achieve a balanced representation between men and women in the Experts’ Forum.

Members are designated for a period of three years.

For Expert's Forum members: Access the Experts' Forum workspace on EuroGender (restricted access to Experts' Forum members)

Members of the Management Board and Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality (.pdf)

Experts' Forum 2019-2021
Belgique / Belgïe / Belgium (BE)

Member

Mr Jeroen Decuyper Aerts

Attaché
Institute for the Equality of Women and Men

Alternate

Ms Carine Joly

Advisor
Belgian Institute for the Equality of Women and Men

България / Bulgaria (BG)

Member

Mr Teodor Tsanev

Senior Expert
Department for Equal Opportunities, Anti-Discrimination and Social Assistance
Benefits
Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Alternate

Ms Irina Ivanova

Head of the Department
Equal Opportunities, Anti-Discrimination and Social Benefits Department
Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
Česká republika / The Czech Republic (CZ)

Member
Pending appointment

Alternate
Pending appointment

Danmark / Denmark (DK)

Member

Ms Stine Thiedemann Faber
Associate professor
Aalborg University, Department of Culture and Global Studies

Alternate

Mr Kenneth Reinicke
Associate professor
Institute for Social Sciences and Business, Roskilde University

Deutschland / Germany (DE)

Member
Ms Waltraud Dahs

Head of Division
Division for European and International Gender Equality Policy
Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Alternate
Mr Thilo Engel
Policy Officer
Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Eesti / Estonia (EE)
Member
Ms Reet Laja
Chair of the Board
Estonian Women Studies and Resource Centre (ENUT)

Alternate
Ms Kaisa Knight
Chief Specialist
Equal Policies Department, Ministry of Social Affairs

Éire / Ireland (IE)
Member
Pending appointment


Alternate
Pending appointment


Ελλάδα, Elláda / Greece (EL)

Member
Ms Christina Agoritsa
- General Secretariat for Gender Equality
- Ministry of the Interior and Administrative Reconstruction

Alternate
Mr George Pateropoulos
- General Secretariat for Gender Equality
- Ministry of the Interior and Administrative Reconstruction

Employers’ Organisations

Member
Ms Trine Birgitte Hougaard
Alternate

Mr Armin Augat

Member

Mr José Luis Burgos Fresno

- Technical Adviser of Studies in the Women’s Institute (Spain)
- Women’s Institute (Spain)

Alternate

Ms Donna Coriat Gonzalvo

- D.G. violencia de Genero. Ministerio de Sanidad, Servicios Sociales e Igualdad

European Parliament

Members

Ms Edit Bauer

- Member of the European Parliament
- European Parliament

Mr Mikael Gustafsson

- Vice President
- Unizon
Alternate

Ms Petra Meier

Professor in Politics
University of Antwerp

Ms Gotelind Alber

Co-founder
GenderCC - Women for Climate Justice

European Trade Union Confederation

Member

Ms Anja Lahermaa

Alternate

Mr David Joyce

EU-level Non-Governmental Organisation

Member

Ms Laura Albu

Alternate
Ms Katrin Hugendubel

France (FR)

Member

Ms Alexia Lozano

Ministère des solidarités et de la santé

Alternate

Pending appointment

Hrvatska / The Republic of Croatia (HR)

Member

Ms Ana Maskalan

Research Associate
Institute for Social Research in Zagreb

Alternate

Ms Tamara Sterk

Counselor and Psychologist
Office for Gender Equality

Italia / Italy (IT)

Member

Ms Cristiana Carletti
Ms Cristiana Carletti

Associate Professor of International Law
Roma Tre University

Alternate

Ms Francesca Ballacci
Specialist and expert in the sociological and statistical fields
Department for Equal Opportunities
Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers

Κύπρος, Kýpros / Cyprus (CY)

Member

Ms Alexia Hadjikoumi

Employment Officer
Department of Labour
Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance

Alternate

Ms Andri Savva

Officer
Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance

Latvija / Latvia (LV)

Member

Ms Iluta Lace
Director
MARTA Centre

Alternate
Mr Juris Dilba
Head of Regional Branch in Liepaja of MARTA Centre
MARTA Centre Liepāja regional branch

Lietuva / Lithuania (LT)
Member
Ms Sigita Aleknė
Specialist
Equal Opportunities, Equality between Women and Men Division
Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Alternate
Ms Ina Antaniškytė
Chief Specialist
Equal Opportunities, Equality between Women and Men Division
Ministry of Social Security and Labour

Luxembourg (LU)
Member
Ms Tonie M van Dam

Professor
University of Luxembourg

Alternate
Pending appointment

Magyarország / Hungary (HU)

Member

Ms Margit Batthyány-Schmidt

President
Union of Hungarian Women

Alternate

Ms Réka Szabó

Women’s policy officer
Ministry of Human Capacities

Malta (MT)

Member

Mr Daniel Attard

Government Spokesperson
Ministry for European Affairs and Equality

Alternate
Ms Renee Laiviera
National Commission For The Promotion Of Equality

Ms Esther de Jong
Atria Institute on Gender Equality and Women's History

Mr Sjoerd Warmerdam
Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

Ms Vera Jauk
Head of Department
Department on Gender Equality Policies and Legal Matters
Austrian Federal Chancellery, Division on Women and Gender Equality

Mr Michael Holzer
Acting Head
Working Group for Equal Treatment Issues
Federal Ministry of the Interior

Polska / Poland (PL)

Member

Ms Ewa Mazur-Wierzbicka

Profesor
University of Szczecin, Faculty of Economics and Management
Institute of Human Capital Management

Alternate

Ms Monika Waluś

Portugal (PT)

Member

Ms Teresa Alvarez

Alternate

Mr João Paiva

Senior Officer
Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality
România / Romania (RO)

**Member**

Ms Maria Ulican

Legal adviser
National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men

**Alternate**

Ms Carmen Niculescu

Senior adviser
National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men

Slovenija / Slovenia (SI)

**Member**

Ms Sonja Robnik

PhD, Secretary
Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

**Alternate**

Mr Iztok Šori

Director
Peace Institute, Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies

Slovensko / The Slovak Republic (SK)
**Member**

Ms Silvia Porubanová  
Director and Senior Researcher  
Institute for Labour and Family Research  

**Alternate**

Mr Daniel Gerbery  
Senior Researcher and Deputy Director for Research  
Institute for Labour and Family Research  

**Suomi / Finland (FI)**

**Member**

Ms Reetta Siukola  
Development Manager  
*Minna, Centre for Gender Equality Information*  

**Alternate**

Ms Eeva Raevaara  
Ministerial Adviser  
Gender Equality Unit  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health  

**Sverige / Sweden (SE)**
Member

Ms Annika Olsson
National Agency for Gender Equality

Alternate

Mr Eberhard Stüber
National Agency for Gender Equality

United Kingdom (UK)

Member

Pending appointment

Alternate

Pending appointment

Experts' Forum 2013-2015